



**State Veterans Chairs Only**

Date of award presentation: \_\_\_\_\_

Person to send award to: \_\_\_\_\_

Address to send award to: \_\_\_\_\_

**VETERAN VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR NOMINATION FORM**

The Veteran Volunteer of the Year Award honors those who have demonstrated outstanding service to veterans and military members in need. We know that our programs could not exist without our volunteers, and this award is a way to recognize that and honor those outstanding volunteers among our members who make things happen.

To be eligible for this award, the nominee must volunteer to serve veterans in their state. This can be through the Elks Voluntary Service (aka VAVS) program, as a Lodge Veterans Chair, as a State Veterans Chair, or in another capacity. All Elks members and their spouses are eligible for the award, as long as they are engaged in direct service to veterans and military members in need. A volunteer can only receive this award once\*.

How it works:

- Nomination forms can be submitted directly to your State Veterans Chair by the state deadline. State Deadlines may vary but are no later than January 31! (Don't know who your State Veterans Chair is? Visit [www.elks.org/vets/volunteers.cfm](http://www.elks.org/vets/volunteers.cfm) to find out.)
- State Chairs then read all nominations and, with the help of the Judging Committee, select two winners and submit their names and information to the ENVSC by February 28.
- The ENVSC office will prepare award certificates and gifts for State Veterans Chairs to present at State Convention.
- The ENVSC office will choose one national winner from among all state's nominees, and award them the 2020 National Veteran Service Volunteer of the Year award.

**NATIONAL VETERANS SERVICE VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD**

Every State Veteran Volunteer of the Year Winner will be entered into contention for that year's national award. The national winner will receive formal recognition and a \$500 grant to be used for the Lodge charitable project of his or her choosing. They will also be invited to attend the 2021 Elks National Convention, expenses paid courtesy of the ENVSC.

\*Check this box if you would like to bypass consideration for the state award and nominate this person for the National Veterans Service Volunteer of the Year award. Then, email the completed form directly to [Vets@elks.org](mailto:Vets@elks.org) with the email title "National VOTY Nominee".

*(This option generally only applies to Elks who have previously won the State Veteran Volunteer of the Year award.)*

***All fields are required.***

Name of Nominee:

Nominee Lodge:

Phone Number:

Email:

Nominee Member #:

How does the nominee serve veterans in a meaningful way?

What are the results of their work?

Why should this person be the Veteran Volunteer of the Year?